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SUBJ: BORDER NEGOTIATIONS AND GOH CLAIMS

REF: (A) SAN SALVADOR 2709, (B) 1977 TEGUCIGALPA 5954 (NOTAL)

1. IN A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER REPEATED THAT GOH POSITION ON BORDER DELINEATION CONTINUES TO BE AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, I.E. IT ACCEPTS GOES WITHDRAWAL FROM EL POY AGREEMENTS AND HAS SUGGESTED A JOINT COMMISSION TO DELINEATE THE ENTIRE BORDER AS A SOLUTION. THE OFFER IS CONTINGENT UPON TWO FACTORS:

(A) GOES ACCEPTANCE OF A REASONABLE TIME FRAME FOR RESOLUTION;
(B) AGREEMENT THAT THOSE PARTS OF THE BORDER NOT THEN RESOLVED WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT FOR DEFINITIVE SOLUTION.

GOH IN FACT EXPECTS THAT THE COMMISSION CAN RESOLVE THE EN-
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TIRE BORDER WITH EXCEPTION OF TWO MOST DIFFICULT AND DISPUTED ZONES. GOH OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED THAT WITH GOES AGREEMENT TO SOME SOLUTION ALONG THESE LINES, THE GOH IS WILLING TO RESOLVE OTHER ISSUES AND SIGN A TREATY.

2. COMMENT: THE GOH IS UNDER THE IMPRESSION, ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE SURPRISED IN VIEW OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REF (A),

THAT THE GOES IS CLOSE TO AGREEING TO THE JOINT COMMISSION
IDEA. EMBASSY MAY BE MISTAKEN, BUT WOULD BE SURPRISED IF HONDURAS
INJECTS GULF OF FONSECA CLAIMS INTO MEDIATION PROCESS. REF (B)
DESCRIBED GOH VIEWS ON GULF OF FONSECA AND IN A CONTEXT WHERE
VICE FOREIGN MINISTER MADE CLEAR HONDURAS' HOPES NOT TO
COMPLICATE BORDER DELINEATION EFFORTS WITH WHAT HE VIEWED AS A
LESS IMPORTANT ISSUE. THE GOH ALSO BELIEVES THERE IS NO PROBLEM
WITH THE BORDER OUTSIDE THE SIX DISPUTED AREAS AND THE JOINT COM-
MISSION PROPOSAL MEETS GOES NEEDS NOT TO BE SEEN TO BE GIVING
UP ANYTHING IN ADVANCE. ANY GOES INITIATIVES TO CHANGE BORDER
CLAIMS OUTSIDE OF THE SIX DISPUTED AREAS, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF
THE DRAFT AGREEMENT REACHED IN GUATEMALA, WOULD MEET WITH A
STUNNED REACTION HERE AND WOULD CONFIRM FEELING HELD BY MANY
HONDURANS THAT SALVADOR'S GOAL IS TO CARVE OUT AS MUCH OF HON-
DURAS AS POSSIBLE. RETURN OF THE NEGOTIATING TEAMS FROM LIMA WILL
PROVIDE AN IDEA OF WHERE THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE NOW HEADED.
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